

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : CIA Emergency Planning

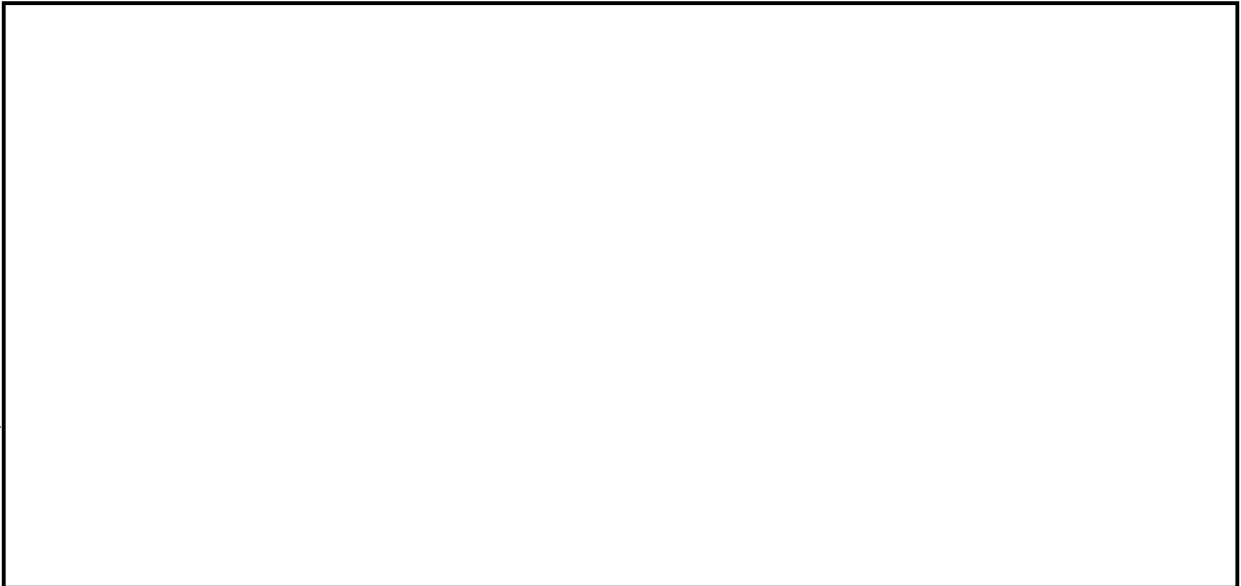
25X1 1. This memorandum responds to your proposal that the responsibilities for emergency planning be transferred to the Support Directorate; that the position of the Emergency Planning Officer be abolished; that Miss [redacted] and her position be transferred to the DD/S; and to your request for an immediate study of the emergency planning problem in the Agency with recommendations about what we should continue to do about emergency planning and how we should do it. 25X1

2. I appreciate your desire to save a ceiling position, but I ask that you defer action on this until 1 February 1970. By that time I believe it will be possible for us to get a more objective view of this function and a more realistic assessment of our true requirement. It will also allow us time to get a more accurate assessment of the current climate of emergency planning in the rest of the Government and to study further the overall implications of adopting a modified Agency posture in this field. During the interim I would propose to have [redacted] of my staff assume the emergency planning responsibility. 25X1

3. As you know, the attitude of the present Administration toward emergency planning has not been specifically enunciated. Executive Order 10346 dated 17 April 1952, as amended, is still in effect and requires each Federal agency in consultation with the Office of Emergency Planning to prepare plans for Civil Defense emergencies. Although there has never been an official act or pronouncement which could be interpreted as authority to relax our vigilance in the emergency planning function, the facts are that very little has been done these past few years and there seems to be no hope of obtaining the funds needed to develop realistic, meaningful, emergency relocation plans and facilities. While our current emergency relocation program is probably on a par with other Federal agencies, I am sure you would agree that it does 25X8



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5. In summary, I would propose:

25X1 a. That you defer until 1 February 1970 the final decision about the disposition of the Emergency Planning Officer position.

b. That [redacted] temporarily assume the responsibility for emergency planning.

25X1 c. That Miss [redacted] be transferred with her position to the office of the DD/S where she would continue to maintain emergency planning records and be responsible for the Emergency Relocation Force Roster.

d. That we undertake a review of the emergency planning program which might well result in some redirection of the goals of Agency emergency planning.

25X1 e. Given the distinct possibility that our old assumptions about [redacted] are outmoded, I propose to re-examine our investment in, and annual maintenance costs of, the [redacted] and, if appropriate, make recommendations for changes in this program. 25X1

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The recommendations contained in paragraph 5 are approved.

/s/ L. K. White

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Date

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